

ESHB 1052 - S AMD 403

By Senators McAuliffe, Holmquist

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1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the
2 following:

3 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds that the legislative
4 youth advisory council provides a unique opportunity for middle and
5 high school students to be actively involved in government. Council
6 members not only learn about, but exercise, the core values and
7 democratic principles of our state and nation, along with the rights
8 and responsibilities of citizenship and democratic civic involvement.
9 As such, they are engaged in authentic practice of the essential
10 academic learning requirements in civics. In the short time since its
11 creation, the legislative youth advisory council has studied, debated,
12 and begun to formulate positions and recommendations on such important
13 topics as education reform, school finance, public school learning
14 environments, health and fitness education, and standardized testing.
15 The legislature continues to stress the importance of civics education
16 and support the type of civic involvement by students exemplified by
17 the legislative youth advisory council.

18 **Sec. 2.** RCW 28A.300.801 and 2005 c 355 s 1 are each amended to
19 read as follows:

20 (1) The legislative youth advisory council is established to
21 examine issues of importance to youth, including but not limited to
22 education, employment, strategies to increase youth participation in
23 state and municipal government, safe environments for youth, substance
24 abuse, emotional and physical health, foster care, poverty,
25 homelessness, and youth access to services on a statewide and municipal
26 basis.

27 (2) The council consists of twenty-two members as provided in this
28 subsection who, at the time of appointment, are aged fourteen to
29 eighteen. The council shall select a chair from among its members.

1 ~~((a) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major~~
2 ~~caucuses in the senate, appointed by the secretary of the senate.~~

3 ~~(b) Five members shall be selected by each of the two major~~
4 ~~caucuses in the house of representatives, appointed by the chief clerk~~
5 ~~of the house of representatives.~~

6 ~~(c) The governor shall appoint two members.)~~

7 (3) Except for initial members, members shall serve two-year terms,
8 and if eligible, may be reappointed for subsequent two-year terms.
9 One-half of the initial members shall be appointed to one-year terms,
10 and these appointments shall be made in such a way as to preserve
11 overall representation on the committee.

12 (4)(a) By July 2, 2007, and annually thereafter, students may apply
13 to be considered for participation in the program by completing an
14 online application form and submitting the application to the
15 legislative youth advisory council. The council may develop selection
16 criteria and an application review process. The council shall
17 recommend candidates whose names will be submitted to the office of the
18 lieutenant governor for final selection. The office of the lieutenant
19 governor shall notify all applicants of the final selections.

20 (b) The office of the lieutenant governor shall make the
21 application available on the lieutenant governor's web site.

22 (5) The council shall have the following duties:

23 (a) Advising the legislature on proposed and pending legislation,
24 including state budget expenditures and policy matters relating to
25 youth;

26 (b) Advising the standing committees of the legislature and study
27 commissions, committees, and task forces regarding issues relating to
28 youth;

29 (c) Conducting periodic seminars for its members regarding
30 leadership, government, and the legislature; ~~((and))~~

31 (d) Accepting grants and donations from public and private sources
32 to support the activities of the council; and

33 (e) Reporting annually by December 1st to the legislature on its
34 activities, including proposed legislation that implements
35 recommendations of the council.

36 ~~((+5))~~ (6) In carrying out its duties under ~~((subsection (4) of))~~
37 this section, the council may meet at least three times but not more
38 than six times per year~~((, including not more than two public hearings~~

1 ~~on issues of importance to youth)).~~ The council shall consider
2 conducting at least some of the meetings via the K-20
3 telecommunications network. Councils are encouraged to invite local
4 state legislators to participate in the meetings. The council is
5 encouraged to poll other students in order to get a broad perspective
6 on the various issues. The council is encouraged to use technology to
7 conduct the polling, including the council's web site, if the council
8 has a web site.

9 ((+6)) (7) Members shall be reimbursed as provided in RCW
10 43.03.050 and 43.03.060.

11 ((+7)) (8) The office of superintendent of public instruction
12 shall provide administration, coordination, and facilitation assistance
13 to the council. The senate and house of representatives may provide
14 policy and fiscal briefings and assistance with drafting proposed
15 legislation. The senate and the house of representatives shall each
16 develop internal policies relating to staff assistance provided to the
17 council. Such policies may include applicable internal personnel and
18 practices guidelines, resource use and expense reimbursement
19 guidelines, and applicable ethics mandates. Provision of funds,
20 resources, and staff, as well as the assignment and direction of staff,
21 remains at all times within the sole discretion of the chamber making
22 the provision.

23 ((+8)) (9) The office of the lieutenant governor, the office of
24 superintendent of public instruction, the legislature, any agency of
25 the legislature, and any official or employee of such office or agency
26 are immune from liability for any injury that is incurred by or caused
27 by a member of the youth advisory council and that occurs while the
28 member of the council is performing duties of the council or is
29 otherwise engaged in activities or receiving services for which
30 reimbursement is allowed under subsection ((+6)) (7) of this section.
31 The immunity provided by this subsection does not apply to an injury
32 intentionally caused by the act or omission of an employee or official
33 of the superintendent of public instruction or the legislature or any
34 agency of the legislature.

35 ((+9)) (10) This section expires June 30, ((2007)) 2009.

36 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. This act is necessary for the immediate

1 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
2 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
3 immediately."

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4 On page 1, line 2 of the title, after "council;" strike the
5 remainder of the title and insert "amending RCW 28A.300.801; creating
6 a new section; providing an expiration date; and declaring an
7 emergency."

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